What is claimed is:

1.　An electronic device, which is adapted to use a storage medium in which content data is divided into units of clusters and stored, comprising:

5　　　a link information table in which link structure of said clusters in said storage medium is recorded;

a cluster table in which, of said clusters constituting said content data recorded in said storage medium, cluster numbers of said clusters are recorded at predetermined intervals; and

10　　　playback means for reading and playing in units of said clusters said content data stored in said storage medium, wherein

when said playback means plays said content data in reverse,

if the cluster number of a target cluster to be read is recorded in said cluster table, said target cluster recorded in said cluster table and indicated by said cluster number is read from said storage medium, and

15　by said cluster number is read from said storage medium, and

if said cluster number of said target cluster is not recorded in said cluster table, said cluster number of said target cluster is obtained by moving along said link information table from, of said clusters recorded in said cluster table, a cluster previous to said target cluster, and the cluster

20　indicated by said cluster number thus obtained is read from said storage medium.

2.　A playback control method for an electronics device that divides content data into units of clusters and stores them on a storage medium, and

25　reads said content data in units of said clusters to play it back, said method comprising, in a case where said content data is played back in reverse:

a judgment step of judging whether or not a cluster number of a target cluster to be read is recorded in a cluster table that records, of the series of said clusters constituting said content data recorded on said storage

30　medium, cluster numbers of said clusters at predetermined intervals;

a first reading step of reading, from said storage medium, a cluster

indicated by said cluster number of said target cluster recorded in said cluster table if said cluster number of said target cluster is recorded in said cluster table; and

a second reading step where, if said cluster number of said target cluster is not recorded in said cluster table, a link information table, which records a link structure of said clusters in said storage medium, is traced from a cluster, of the clusters recorded in said cluster table, previous to said target cluster to obtain said cluster number of said target cluster, and the cluster indicated by said obtained cluster number is read from said storage medium.

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